

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pipen (Pipin, Pippin, Piper) S8962

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State of North Carolina County of Franklin } SS

On this 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity, now sitting John Pippin a resident of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

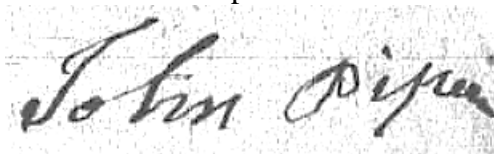
That he was born in the County of Gloucester State of Virginia on the 5th of July 1755 according to a register of his age which he now has in his possession at home -- that at an early age he removed to the County of Halifax State of North Carolina thence to Bute County same State where he was living when first called into service, and was in that section of the said County of Bute which now forms Franklin, he has lived since the Revolution and he is now living in the same County. In November 1778 he was drafted in said County of Bute to serve as a private militia man for the term of 5 or 6 months (the exact term not recollected) in a company commanded by Captain Britton Harris and under him by Lieutenant Philemon Hawkins, though as to the name of the Lieutenant he is not positive. That with his company he was marched first to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse River in Lenoir County, thence to Elizabeth on the Cape Fear River in Bladen County, thence to Charleston in South Carolina; after remaining there a short time, he was marched up to the town of Augusta, where he crossed the Savannah River over into the State of Georgia, thence down to Briar Creek where the Americans under General Ashe [John Ashe] were defeated by the British [March 3, 1779]. He was engaged in that battle and after the defeat he retreated and after suffering many privations and meeting with many difficulties he made his way across the Savannah River into South Carolina where he fell in with General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who commanded the South Carolina Militia [sic, North Carolina militia], and after remaining with their forces a day or two he went with others of his company down to Purrysburg, thence to Turkey Hill a few miles off where he remained until his discharge which he received in writing from Michael Dent a Sergeant but which is now lost. He does not recollect whether his discharge was signed by Dent or some Superior officer -- Hawkins, he thinks had command of his company at that time as Captain Harris had returned home, before the company crossed over into Georgia. He does not recollect the name of the organization to which he belonged but remembers it was commanded by Colonel afterwards General Thomas Eaton. He recollects among the field officers having command at the battle of Briar Creek General Ashe [John Ashe], General Bryan [William Bryant] and Colonel Williams

[Lt. Col. John Pugh Williams] who was esteemed among the soldiers as a very brave and meritorious officer. He served about 5 months and returned home in May the year 1789 [sic, 1779]. He has no documentary evidence by which to prove his present term of service, but believes it can be established by the testimony of Jesse Webb whose deposition he will endeavor to procure and transmit herewith.

This applicant further declares that about the month of September 1782 a company was drafted in the County of Franklin for 3 months for the purpose of marching down and assist in taking Wilmington North Carolina then in the possession of the British under General Craig [sic, Major Craig]. He was appointed Lieutenant in the company by Colonel William Brickell and directed to take command of it and marched it down to Tarborough in Edgecombe County. He did so and after arriving at Tarborough Captain Nathan Turner took command. The company remained at that place for several weeks during which time the intelligence of the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] was received which occasioned great rejoicing -- From Tarboro he marched toward Wilmington and reached the Rich lands of New River when Colonel William Caswell met his company informed them that General Craig had abandoned Wilmington and ordered them to return and be discharged whereupon the company was marched home and discharged. This applicant states that he has made diligent search for his commission but cannot find it. His commission was given him by Colonel Brickell but he does not know by whom it was signed. He was not attached to any Regiment during this term of service. He has no documentary evidence to prove this tour of service, but he believes Amos Bridgers whose affidavit is hereunto subjoined will establish the most material facts relative to it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Pippin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pippin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Fall Term

Sworn to & subscribed

N. Patterson, Clk

[William Arendell, a clergyman and Guston Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Franklin County } SS

This day personally appeared before me, one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County of Franklin, Jesse Webb¹ who being first duly sworn according to law, to state what he may know relative to the service of John Pippin as a private militia man during the war of the American Revolution; doth on his oath depose and say that he knew the said John Pippin at the time of the Revolution and has continued to know him ever since -- that he was drafted in the same company with the said John Pippin and served with him during a tour to the South, and was with him at the battle of Briar Creek -- that the company was first commanded by Captain Britton Harris -- that the said John Pippin performed during the tour the ordinary duties of a common soldier and that the said John Pippin is the same individual whom he understands has

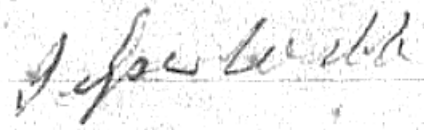
¹ [Jesse Webb W18333](#)

recently applied to the Superior Court of Law and Equity held for the County of Franklin during the second week of the present month for a pension under the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at the house of the said Jesse Webb in Franklin County on the 17th day of October 1832.

Test: S/ Wilson D. Webb, JP

S/ Jesse Webb



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Amos Bridgers personally appeared in open Court and maketh oath that he has heard the declaration of John Pippin red that he knew the said John Pippin during the Revolutionary War, that he served in the company raised for the purpose of taking Wilmington, that the said Pippin acted as Lieutenant in the same company, and that all the material facts stated by the said Pippin in his declaration are true to the best of his recollection and belief.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Amos [illegible], M his mark

S/ N. Patterson, Clk

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State of North Carolina Franklin County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Franklin aforesaid, John Pippin who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection and belief, he served in his first tour not less than 6 months and for that period he claims a pension. In his second tour, in which he was Lieutenant he served not less than six [?] months and for that time he claims a pension. With respect to the requisition that the answer to the interrogatories² must be written, and sent to the War Department with the declaration, he states that by reference to his declaration it will be seen that in answer to the 1st interrogatory he states that he was born in Gloucester County Virginia in the year 1755 on the 5th of July -- to the 2nd question, that he has a record of his age now in his

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

possession at home -- To the 3rd question, that he was living in that section of Bute County which now forms Franklin, that he has lived in the same County ever since the revolution, and that he is still living in the same. To the 4th question, that in both tours he was drafted. To the 5th question he has answered by stating with as much particularity as he can recollect the names of some of the Regular officers, with whom he served, such Continental & militia regiments as he can recollect, and the general circumstances of his service. To the 6th question, he answers that in his first tour he did receive a written discharge which is now lost but that discharge was given him by Michael Dent a Sergeant, but whether signed by said Captain Dent war some superior officer is not recollected -- in 2nd tour, he states that he received a commission from Colonel William Brickell, signed by him. That he cannot now find, though he has made diligent search for that purpose -- To the 7th question he refers for answer to the certificate of William Arendell clergyman and Guston Perry, attached to his Declaration --
Subscribed & sworn to before me this 18th day of May 1833
Witness S/ James Baker, Junior, JP

S/ John Pipen

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia for 8 months.]